

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
HELD ON DECEMBER 2, 2020
VIDEO CONFERENCE**

Committee Members Present (15*)

Laura Spalter, Chair	Diomarys Escaño-Bell	Edward Green
Sylvia Alexander	Robert Fanuzzi	Charles Moerdler
Bob Bender	Nicholas Fazio	Omar Murray
Lisa Daub	Rosemary Ginty	Martin Wolpoff
Eric Dinowitz	Julia Gomez	Ted Morris *

Committee Members Absent (3*)

David Gellman	Daniel Padernacht	Daris Jackson *
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* Mr. Morris is representing the Housing Committee in Mr. Jackson's absence

Staff (1)

Ciara Gannon – District Manager

CB8 & Guests

Guests: Mariel De La Cruz (Office of NYC Comptroller), Michael Hinman, community attendees (3)

Chair Spalter welcomed everyone and convened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes of November 4, 2020 Executive Committee seconded and approved: In Favor (12): Alexander, Bender, Daub, Escaño-Bell, Fanuzzi, Ginty, Gomez, Moerdler, Murray, Spalter, Wolpoff, Morris // Opposed: (0), Abstain (0)

Chair's Report – L. Spalter

- December's Board Meeting starts at 6:30pm to present the Irving Ladimer Community Service Award and our first Most Valuable Merchant Award.
- Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) set Dec 14th and 15th for hearing the response from developer of Terrace View Avenue project in Marble Hill.
- Dept of City Planning presented proposed Zoning for Coastal Flood Resiliency (ZCFR) Text Amendment at a CB8 public hearing. The Land Use Committee will vote on Dec 7th and the full Board on Dec 8th.

Treasurer's Report – D. Escaño-Bell

- Shared and discussed this month's report. Again, we mostly incurred basic expenses. A few more old entries were cleared up with OMB. No budget modification this month.

District Manager's Report – C. Gannon

- A fire at Marble Hill Houses injured a child. FDNY is investigating. Reminder to follow fire safety practices, especially over the holidays.
- Refer to the District Services Cabinet minutes.

- Increase in complaints concerning significant illegal dumping near Jerome Park Reservoir. Working with DEP and Sanitation enforcement to catch offenders and prevention.
- NYC Comptroller's audit commenced, looking at website postings, accessibility and translations and timely minutes and meeting notices / agendas back to July 2019. Posting has slowed since DoITT is supporting all 59 NYC CBs. Remember to submit agendas and minutes quickly and by due dates.
- Arranged with 50th precinct to conduct security check after a couple break-ins at Johnson Ave. apartments.
- Borough President Diaz sent invitation to annual Christmas tree lighting.
- Drag racing - 50th precinct is receiving increased support from highway patrol and noted that residents' photos and plate numbers have been very helpful.

Committee Resolutions

Chair Spalter called for committee resolutions to be presented at the December Board meeting:

- Law, Rules & Ethics – M. Wolpoff
Presented two resolutions (1) to update and clarify operating instructions for nominating committee, and (2) to update and clarify Co-naming Guidelines to document changes regarding co-naming for historic buildings/sites and portions of parks. Committee engaged in robust discussion on both resolutions and in consideration LRE Chair will amend parts of the resolutions for presentation to the board. Also discussed issue of one vote covering a multi-part resolution.
- Public Safety – E. Green
Approval of renewal liquor licenses for (1) Dale Diner, (2) Riverdale Gourmet, (3) Las Palmas Restaurant 2, and (4) Yukka Latin Bistro. Approval of a new liquor license for Greek Express.
- Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs – S. Alexander
SAPO application for the annual Chanukah Menorah lighting to take place at the Monument at 239th street on December 13th –S. Alexander will present at the board meeting.

Issues for Discussion –

- S. Alexander - ELCA could not consider the SAPO application or conduct other business since the office did not open zoom meeting. Discussed zoom process changes, chair preferences and office procedures.
- O. Murray – December meeting will include speakers from pharmaceutical company officials to discuss covid-19 vaccines. Exec committee members noted the excellent HHSS speakers that committee chair schedules, highlighting November meeting's speaker, Dr. Marks.
- B. Bender – SCRE meeting will include selection of a new chair for the special committee.
- B. Fanuzzi – Discussions with ConEd regarding methods to limit damages and number of households effected by storms. CB8 suffered less than other districts.

Follow-up on Outstanding Issues - None

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm by unanimous consent.

Submitted by Lisa Daub, Secretary